



THE LOOKING-GLASS

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DORINDA LAKE stood before her glass in the sitting-room and tied a blue ribbon at her throat, singing as she did it. She loved this glass with its gilded basket of fruit and the peacock feathers above, because it held a flood of sunlight and reminded her anew how well her beauty could bear it. After the ribbon

was tied she laid her hands on the table in front of her, and bent forward smiling into the glass with a gay recognition. The girl she saw there, crisp in muslin, was untouched, like the morning, and like the morning, lovely. Her cheeks had the inexpressible freshness of rose petals, her hair was flooding gold bound about her head in fine-spun coils. Her eyes—the old simile of violets failed here, even of

violets wet with dew, for they had depth as well as lustre. At this moment they were dark with pleasure, a pleasure in themselves. As she looked, there was a thudding step at the door, and Aunt Dorindy came looming through the entry. She moved like a heavy craft, pitching a little from unfavorable seas; then she stood there a moment to recover her balance before making another essay. She was no taller than Dorinda, but her breadth outran proportion. She had the quivering bulk of excessive flesh, and her double chin hung in a shining fold. The faded blue eyes were merry, and neighboring the good motherly mouth lurked a dimple or two. She gave a little unctuous laugh, which seemed to have resided no lower than her throat.

"The land, Dorindy!" said she, "you standin' there worshippin' your good looks? I don't blame ye. I've done it myself, more'n once, times gone by."

Dorinda blushed, and made herself the prettier. She had been worshipping the works of the Lord in herself, and she was fairly caught. But looking at Aunt Dorindy, seated now by the window in the big rocking chair, she smiled. It occurred to her for the first time that this older woman had once been young, and that the hues of spring-time had lain upon her also like a veil.

"You come here a minute," said Aunt Dorindy, suddenly, pitching to her feet. "Stan' right where ye be. Now turn round. I want to measure." She backed about ponderously, and when they were matched, put up a hand to find the level of their heads. "Jest as I thought," said she. "We're the same height. I knew we were." She sank into her chair again, and kept a swaying rhythm while she talked. Young Dorinda meantime sat down by one of the front windows and began binding shoes.

"We're the same height to an inch," said Aunt Dorindy. "I'm a leetle heavier, but I started with the same kind of a figger you've got. You jest reflect on it, Dorindy. Forty years ago I looked for all the world jest as you're lookin' now. In forty years' time you'll be lookin' jest like me. Don't this world beat all?"

Dorinda laid down her work for a moment, and stared at her in an irrepressible wonder. She had never thought of youth

save as it belonged to her inalienably, or of age, the strange decaying state presaging death. But at that moment, as if a rough hand tore the comfortable film wherein she lived, she saw a brutal truth. Aunt Dorindy was right; they were alike. She met in the other woman an overgrown caricature of herself, and the prophecy appalled her.

"Aunt Dorindy," she said, with the directness of a child, "do I look like you? Do I?"

Aunt Dorindy was fanning herself with her sunbonnet, ingeniously disposed. She yielded herself now to reminiscence.

"I guess you do! Your mother see it when you wa'n't more'n a week old. 'Dorindy,' says she, 'this child favors you. Same colorin', same everything.'"

"Was that why I was named for you?"

"Yes, I guess as much that's anything. Mebbe they would anyway. Well, you were as likely a leetle creatur' as ever I see. Some folks say pretty young ones grow up homely; but you were pretty all through. I was married when I was your age. I wore a white spotted muslin, an' when I come in jest now you give me a kind of a turn. I'll be whipped if I should ha' known the difference."

"Yes," said Dorinda, absently — "yes, Aunt Dorindy."

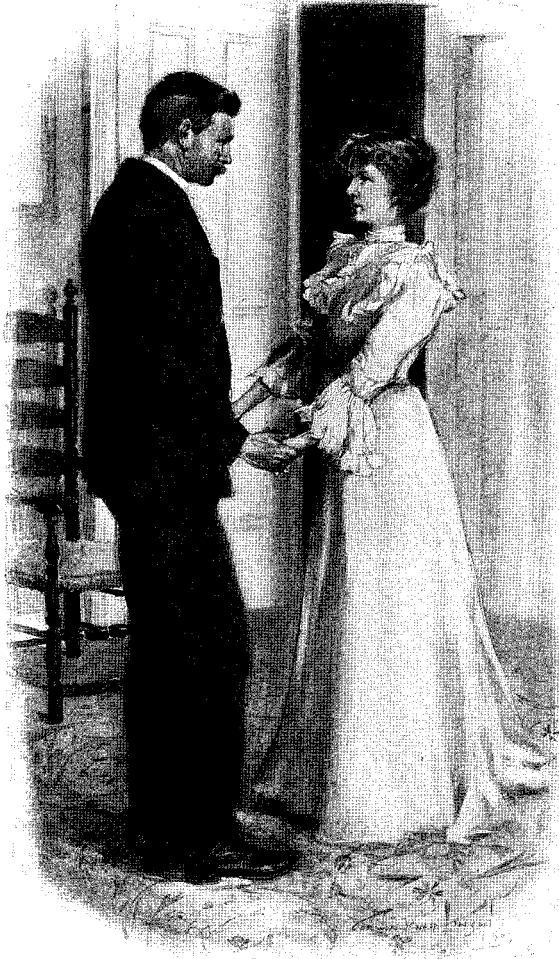
"Well, I guess I'll be gettin' along home," said Aunt Dorindy, rising. "I only stepped in a minute in passin'. I be'n down to the Talbots. Old Mis' Talbot's on her high hoss to-day. Wanted to know if you knew how to make a batch o' bread. 'Law,' says I, 'don't talk that way! Ain't she lived alone ever sense her mother died? Do you s'pose she eats baker's stuff an' sweet trade? She's as good a house-keeper as ever I see. Don't you worry,' says I. 'Martin ain't made no mistake.' She's terrible tried because you bind shoes, an' put all the money onto your back. Seems as if you did spend a good deal that way, Dorindy."

"It's my own money," said Dorinda, hotly. "I like to look nice." A blush engulfed her. She was thinking of a day two years ago when, in this very room, Martin Talbot had told her she was the prettiest thing God ever made, and so stamped her beauty with a new significance.

"Well! well!" said Aunt Dorindy, comfortably, "I dunno's I blame ye. Say, Dorindy, when you an' Martin goin' to be married?"

Dorinda rose and dropped her work on the table. She wore a look of haughtiness, but that was only because the question

She moved out, a ponderous figure under the cape of her great sunbonnet, and Dorinda looked after her with the distaste springing from a premonition of the sorry jokes life is capable of playing. The blossomy day was hurt. Some taint of mortality had crept into it. Involuntarily she shrank



"MARTIN, DO YOU LIKE ME?"

stirred her, and she charged herself to seem unmoved.

"We haven't made up our minds," said she.

"I hate this everlastin' hangin' on," continued Aunt Dorindy ruthlessly. "Young folks think life's terrible long. It ain't. It's short. It don't seem more'n yesterday I walked out a bride, an' here I be with the spring halt an' I dunno what all. Live while ye can! Live while ye can!"

back to the mirror to face inexorable change; but one glance brought back her young bravado. She was a little paler than in the care-free moment gone, but that was all. Youth sprang up, like a challenging knight, and cleared the lists of doubt. She smiled into her own face, and at that instant the gate clanged, and she heard Martin's hurrying step along the walk. The scarlet flushed into her cheeks, and her eyes widened. In the untroubled



“‘YOU NEEDN’T TAKE IT OUT OF MARTIN THAT WAY,
MRS. TALBOT’”

estate of their courtship the outward calmness had all been hers; but now she met him with outstretched hands. She seemed a woman, not a girl; a wife who welcomed love she knew by heart.

“Martin! Martin!” she whispered.

He was taller than she, and his brown face showed marks of patience threading its great kindness. He thought he knew Dorinda well, yet at that moment she seemed to envelop them both in the veil of a marvel making all things new. He drew her to him, hands and mouth. A second and she swayed back again, and, flooded in her blushes, retreated from him. She laughed a little, and put up her hands to her shining hair.

“No,” she said, “no!” when he would have touched her. “Aunt Dorindy’s just gone out.”

That seemed to be no reason why a man should not kiss his sweetheart, but it served. Martin, confronted with the vision of Aunt Dorindy, also laughed a little. But the spell of the moment was still upon them, and Dorinda asked him, in spite of herself:

“Martin, do you like me?”

“Like you!” He was silent, looking down at his hands. They were ready to work for her and fight for her, those brown hands. The blood in them answered when she breathed upon them.

A shade of thought lay upon her face and veiled its radiance. She hesitated a little in her speech.

“Do you think I’m—pretty?”

“I think you’re the prettiest creatur’ God Almighty ever made.”

She thought of Aunt Dorindy and the dark coverts of sixty years, and dared her test. "Should you like me if I wasn't pretty at all?"

"No," said the man, "no, I guess not. I like you just as you are."

As he looked at her, in his adoring madness, he could not conceive of her as changed. If his halting mind had been hunted into corners with more questioning, he must have said that time and loss had power over maids and men alike; yet he would have owned it simply, not defying them, but childlike in his ignorance that such things mattered. Whatever she might be, she was Dorinda.

The words had stung her, and she started, but a step brought her in front of the glass; the pictured eyes met hers again, and her head went up triumphantly. She could dare her destiny. Life scoffed at Aunt Dorindy.

Martin moved toward her in his big soft way, and laid a hand upon her shoulder.

"Dorinda," said he, "I guess we might be married in the fall." There was a still solemnity about him; it moved Dorinda greatly. At such moments he seemed to be hers, and yet set apart from her in a strange inviolability. "I spoke to mother again. We had quite a talk last night. I guess I did most o' the talkin'."

"What did she say?"

"She had a kind of a faintin' spell, but she come out of it quicker'n usual. She's all right to-day."

"Didn't she say what she thought?"

"No, not really."

"She said something! Martin Talbot, you tell me what it was."

He laughed a little, as if he passed the matter by.

"Why, 'twas no great matter. Fact is, mother thinks you set by dress, an' not much else. She thinks you're no kind of a housekeeper. I told her she'd find out. I told her she'd ha' found out long before if she'd only come up here to tea." He looked at her in happy pride, the triumph of the man who trusts his mate.

Dorinda had no resentments where his mother was concerned.

"You tell her, Martin," she began.

"No, don't you tell her anything. But I guess you ain't afraid."

They stood there in the sweet spring weather and talked a little in the indeter-

minate snatches of youth, the broken words helped out by keen foreshadowings. Martin recalled himself first, or the old clock roused him with its stroke of noon. He turned to its dial, and found there some reproach.

"Gee!" said he, "I've got to go. I promised mother I'd be home by 'leven to dig'round the sage and wormwood. Well!" The word held a meaning not quite clear to him, yet strong enough to stir his pulses. It was born of the certainty that before snow fell it would be his wife to whom he went home at noon. He parted from Dorinda with a sober kiss, and when she had watched him down the garden walk, she sat still for an hour's luxurious dreaming, regardless of her dinner and the crisp dandelions ready to be boiled. They must wait for supper-time; bread and milk were quite enough for her this noon. She was very happy. Life stretched before her in an endless way, all sunshine and spring weather. She had forgotten Aunt Dorindy.



"HOED POTATOES IN THE BURNING SUN"

But Martin's mother could not be forgotten. There was something of the child in Dorinda to feel a pang of grief because old lady Talbot would not quite accept her. She must become Martin's wife on sufferance, and afterwards win her way by thrift and homely zeal. Was it possible she spent too much on dress? Aunt Dorinda's clumsy shaft had hurt; yet, looking down on the sprigged muslin, her lips



“MARTIN!”

curved into a smile. It was too pretty for any woman really to decry it in her heart. So she ate her dinner in a happy dream, and sang while she set the things away. In the pantry a thought came tapping at her elbow, and she laughed. There sat a round sponge cake, baked that morning in the scalloped pan with a hole in the middle. It was a perfect cake, risen to the highest point of excellence, the crust dotted with candied freckles. Dorinda was afraid of old lady Talbot; but surely the cake would speak for her. She set it in a large sprigged plate from the parlor cupboard, and laid a glossy napkin over it.

Then she settled the blue ribbon at her throat, and went bareheaded into the road, carrying the plate before her as if it held some sacrificial emblem, and she were the moment's chosen ministrant. Little flecks of shadow danced over the ground from budding leaves, and a light wind came up in a whiff to make them move the faster. All the touches of nature held a mystery that day. Dorinda's face wore a look of serious calm, as if wifehood and motherhood stirred within her, unrecognized, yet potent. So she went along the country road, and up the path to Martin Talbot's house, and there she heard a woman crying. Old lady Talbot was having a "spell." Dorinda stood there by the sweet clove bush at the corner of the house and waited. Her hands were eager with desire of service. If Martin were away, perhaps she might go in. But Martin was there. The old woman's voice, fierce with a nervous agony, besought him:

"Martin, don't you marry her. Martin, don't you do it. You tell me now you won't. You promise me."

Martin's voice broke soothingly on hers:

"There, there, mother! Don't you mind. There! there!"

"She's a pink an' white flippertigibbet! She's dead in love with her own face!" shrieked the old woman. "Look at them blue ribbins she ties on. Pink one day, an' blue the next! She looks like a doll. If you'd ha' picked out a good sensible girl with su'thin' to her, I wouldn't ha' cared. You promise you won't have her."

"Mother! mother!" entreated Martin.

"You promise me! Oh, Martin, my heart! I'm scairt. Oh, my heart! Oh, you promise me!"

"Yes, mother, yes, I'll promise," groaned the man. He was dropping medicine with a trembling hand, when a quick step sounded on the kitchen floor. It was Dorinda. She held the plate before her with a mechanical care, but she had forgotten it. Her blue eyes were dulled. Her cheeks looked faded. But her voice held firm.

"You needn't take it out of Martin that way, Mrs. Talbot," said she, with an imperative clearness. "He don't need to promise. I'll promise for him. I won't marry him. You needn't mind about my face. I guess it'll fade fast enough. You needn't mind about my clothes either: I

sha'n't spend any more on clothes. Good-by, Martin. It's over. Good-by." She walked out of the room while he was holding the cup to his mother's lips, and went, in some poor panoply of pride, back through the smiling day to her own house.

All that afternoon Mrs. Talbot lay quite still, and Martin, after he had sent the hired man for the doctor, sat beside her. He thought she was nearer death than she had been before; but though her heart beat low, Mrs. Talbot was thinking very little about that. She was wondering what she had done, and counseling herself not to be glad too soon.

Dorinda walked into her own silent house, and set the cake back on the pantry shelf. It was all over. She knew it from some inner conviction rather than the facts themselves. Life, too, was over, as she conceived it. A curious scorn of herself was reigning in her, since women who are slighted slight themselves. Her ill luck seemed to go back to her pink and white face. If it had been ugly, she might not have been condemned.

"Well," she said, aloud, "it'll fade fast enough. She needn't worry herself. It'll fade."

And she wished it. She longed to be old and ugly, like Aunt Dorindy, and so the nearer to her journey's end. But though her loveliness must go, she could not bear to stand by at such a death; and with a sudden purpose she went up to the mirror and sought herself once more. The face she saw there was wan with grief, without, as yet, any of grief's veiling beauty. The lightning stroke of life had smitten it. Dorinda looked into the flower-blue eyes. "Good-by," said she, to something precious. "Good-by."

She took the looking-glass from its nail and carried it up into the attic. There she set it under the rafters, its face turned toward the wall. After that she went through the house in haste, collecting all the other glasses, to pile them there beside it. Then she went down calmly to her work, and to grow old like Aunt Dorindy.

Next day at dusk Aunt Dorindy came stumbling over.

"The land, Dorindy!" said she, entering the sitting-room, "you ain't been and broke that old glass?"

Dorinda was sitting by the window, sewing fast. She looked up and smiled.

There were brilliant spots of color in her cheeks, and her voice rang hard. "I guess I cracked it, lookin' so," she said. "I carried it off upstairs."

"Why don't ye fetch down that old Constitution out o' the west chamber?"

"I don't know. I don't believe I will."

"Ain't you done your hair a mite on one side?"

"Maybe I have. I ain't looked at it."

"What you got on that old choc'late calico for? You don't look nat'ral."

"I don't care how I look," said Dorinda.

Aunt Dorindy opened her mouth in an ineffectual gasp, closed it, and went home.

But the space left vacant on the wall was vacant still. Dorinda, dressed in sober calico, sat by the window and bound a marvelous quantity of shoes. She hardly looked up from her work even when Aunt Dorindy brought tidings that old lady Talbot was still in bed with a prolonged "heart spell." Martin was staying at home with her. He was not allowed to leave his mother's sight. At the end of the week Dorinda went out to the front gate and looked wistfully up and down the road, recognizing her own loneliness, and wondering why it should seem so dull to think of visiting the neighbors. She leaned on the gate and mused blankly over her desolation, and there Eli Morse saw her, as he walked by with some young tomato plants in a basket. He was a tall, loosely jointed man, with the absorbed look of one who has some gentle passion and tends it quite alone. Years ago he had raised the laughter of the neighborhood by starting a market garden, though this was thirty miles from town and three miles from a railroad. But strawberries and spring greens repaid his fostering. He lived alone, in a sweet intimacy with his garden, and put away the money it brought him, not from niggardliness, but because it made an alien element in his simple life. When he looked at Dorinda, the clouded loveliness of her face besought him, like a flower drenched in storm. He stopped, and spoke with a faltering pity.

"You look all beat out."

Dorinda smiled.

"I've been sewin'," said she.

"What makes you?"

"I don't know. It's as good as anything."

While he was standing there before her, Martin Talbot passed. For a moment, relying on the habit of old days, Dorinda thought he meant to stop; but he only gave her a brief good-evening, and hurried on. He looked wan and sorry.

"Old Mis' Talbot's pretty low," said Eli. "Guess he's puttin' for the doctor."

The breath of evening touched Dorinda's cheek and made her sigh in answer. Her muscles ached from the cramping day, and she longed to breathe the air that made this man so calm. Hot cravings seemed afar from him; with his still face and gentle eyes he might have been a part of the earth, risen up out of it for a moment's activity, then to return gladly to some deep covert.

"I wish I could work outdoors," said she, unthinkingly. "I'm sick and tired of the house."

A new light shot into his face.

"You can," said he. "It's complete. There's nothin' like it."

"Could I have a garden?"

"I guess you could. You could sell things. I'd carry your stuff with mine."

"It's too late for this year, though."

"No, it ain't: not for everything. You could sow some lettuce an' some radishes, an' plant late corn. You could have tomatoes. Look a' here! I'll leave these plants."

He went in and sat on the steps with her until late in the spring evening while they talked of gardening, and next day, almost before the dawn, he and his man were planting for her.

Then Dorinda began her new life. She gave up her housework and lived out of doors. She and Eli drifted into an odd, unspoken partnership. He carried her produce to market and worked for her, as she, when lighter tasks were urgent, worked for him. The neighbors wagged their heads and prophesied, and Aunt Dorinda clucked like a hen, because Dorinda would not talk of sheets and table-cloths. Mrs. Talbot kept her bed, not so much because her state demanded it, as that the pathos of persistent illness kept an iron finger on her son. Martin's shoulders bent under the weight of life. Once within the first month he met Dorinda face to face by her own gate.

"Did you mean that, Dorinda," he asked, "what you said?"

She looked at him in a kindliness that left him chilled.

"Yes," she said, "I meant it." When he spoke again, the words were like a sob.

"Dorinda, I don't know whether I done right or wrong. But I couldn't kill her."

"Of course you couldn't," said Dorinda, with the same decisive clearness. "I don't expect you to."

She walked inside her gate alone, and all that afternoon she hoed potatoes in the sun, and took a fierce delight in thinking how the dirt was sifting in her shoes, and how coarse her hands would look. That night at supper-time came Aunt Dorindy.

"Ain't you got a coat o' tan!" said she. "You'll be as black as an Injun 'fore summer's over."

It was like the verdict of the world on a lost cause. Dorinda washed her hands mechanically at the sink, and thought her pang was over. There would not be the agony of growing old. She had bought at one purchase what Aunt Dorindy was accepting from the niggard years. She wondered with a dull curiosity that held no bitterness how her skin looked now it was growing black, and how long it would be before the sun made wrinkles under her eyes. After that day she withdrew more and more into a silence of her own, and the neighbors ceased to question her. She had turned queer, they said, taking up man's work an' all.

The progress of the years began, the years that make up life. The man and woman continued their tacit partnership, like two earth spirits born to toil for some compelling reason they could not understand. The neighbors wondered whether the two would marry when they had laid by enough; but between themselves there was no talk of marriage. Eli instructed Dorinda in crops and all the ancient lore of earth. Sometimes he told her about the woods and herbs that grow in hidden places, and more than once he led her to the spot where a partridge had hidden the treasure of her nest. Dorinda learned from him in some strange way, as if she breathed it in, the patience of the seasons and the soil. Spring found her out of doors, and in the winter, unless the snow lay deep, she went, with some unformed purpose, tramping over the hills. In years she had not seen her own face. When she combed her long hair she would not look at the sweeping mane, lest it had grown dull, like Aunt Dorindy's. Sometimes when

she went into a neighbor's, her reflection, as she passed a mirror, waved and beckoned to her; but she never turned. It was as if the ghost of her repudiated youth held out a hand in vain. In the seventh winter Eli died, after a short sickness, and she sat beside him in the dawn and tended him. He turned loving eyes upon her.

"I've prized you more'n ever you knew, Dorindy," said he. "Seems sometimes as if a piece was cut right out o' your life and gi'n to me. I've had good days with you. Well, he needn't begrutch 'em to me. Good-by, Dorindy."

Then he closed his eyes, and there was no more talking.

When the will was found, Dorinda had his land. This was in December, and with a strange new patience she made her plans for more gardening, and for hiring two men instead of one.

On a spring day, when the plough was set into the first furrow, Aunt Dorindy came and said:

"Old Mis' Talbot's goin' at last. High time, too! Martin sets there in the kitchen. He won't take bite nor sup. She don't know him, neither. Some say he's begun to mourn; but I say his mother's been the death of him."

Dorinda went swiftly out of the house and down the road. She turned in at the Talbots' gate and smelled the sweet clove long before she came to it. A light wind wafted it to meet her. She went in at the kitchen door, and there she found him sitting by the window, his head sunken between his shoulders. His face was scarred by lines of grief and age, but it looked withered, as if no tear had touched it. The house was very still, all but the buzzing of one fly upon an upper pane. Mrs. Talbot was asleep, and the nurse, lying on the lounge beside her, slept, too. Dorinda walked up to Martin and laid her hand upon his shoulder.

"Martin!" said she, speaking softly, but as if she called one from the dead. "Martin!"

He looked at her in a dull wonderment.

"Dorinda," said he. "Is that you, Dorinda?"

She seated herself beside him and drew his head down to her breast. She was strong with the vigor built up through hardy years lived near the earth, and he, shrunken and weak with grief, seemed like a child

beside her. The denied motherhood in her rose with an enfolding tenderness, and she touched his hair.

"You stay here a minute, dear," she whispered him. "I'll make a cup o' tea."

Martin lay down and watched her from the pillow, with the look of hungry souls new come to heaven. The nurse appeared, and looked her wonder; but the tea was made, and when Dorinda poured it with a sweet composure, they drank together.

"I wouldn't go far away," said the nurse to Martin, in a tone of prophecy, and he nodded. He was another man. He had drunk some great assurance from Dorinda's eyes, and life flowed in on him.

Dorinda stepped about, doing little neighborly deeds, and once she stopped near him to say haltingly, with some shyness at essaying comfort:

"Don't take it so. You mustn't."

"It ain't that," labored the man. "It ain't now. It's what we've undergone so long." The slow tears trickled down his cheeks.

After that the sick woman moaned a little, and Dorinda spoke no more, lest the dying ears should catch some hint of her. Seven years ago she could not have stolen into that house to guide its currents; but now life seemed larger to her, and the living more to be considered than the dead. At sunset old lady Talbot spoke out clearly to her son:

"You call her in here. Dorindy! You call Dorindy!"

He spoke the name like an echo, and Dorinda answered it. The woman turned beseeching eyes upon her.

"That's a good girl," said she, and died.

Dorinda went quietly out of the house, and next day she watched her ploughing, and sowed early peas. She was the only one of the neighbors who did not go to old lady Talbot's funeral. Instead she sat at home and thought of life in a strange equable musing, like one for whom the keenness of the struggle is quite over, while sweetness still remains. She thought of young Dorinda with a tender smile, as of someone who had died, a creature all frailties, yet with one desire—to be beloved. The creature had been beautiful. The woman who mused about her had ceased thinking of her own face, worn, as it must be, and scarred by careless usage.

The next day she took up her work again, and at twilight Martin came. She heard his step on the walk, and it all seemed a part of a dream. She had been in the vestibule of the dream before. He came into the sitting-room, where she had risen to meet him, and Dorinda, in a strange acquiescence, let him take her to his heart.

"There!" she said, gently, stepping apart from him. "There, Martin, we mustn't call things back."

He looked like the ghost of his youth.

"Don't you care about me?" he asked, like a child. "I ain't wu'th it, Dorinda. I never knew how to fix things when they got so tangled, but I thought that day—I thought you cared."

"Oh, yes, I care," said Dorinda. She realized in that flash how patient she had grown. "I care. But things are over when a woman's got to be—like me. It's all gone, Martin, what you liked—all gone."

"What I liked, Dorinda. What did I like?"

"My looks are gone," said Dorinda, simply.

The man in him awoke; it was the man that had hungered for her in silence under an unworthy fetter. He took her strong wrists and drew her toward him.

"Dorinda," he whispered, "you're the prettiest thing God ever made; but if you wa'n't—if you was homely, if you was old—oh, Dorinda, don't you know?"

She knew, and life returned upon her like a flood.

When he was gone, she ran up stairs in the daring of great joy, and out of the blackness of the attic took the looking-glass. She carried it down, catching strange fragments of reflection as she went, and hung it in its place. Then she lighted two candles, and holding one in either hand, looked at herself. The face that met her was a loving stranger. It was like the mother of the girl who bade herself good-by so long ago. This was a daughter of the earth, a child of wind and sun. The eyes were deep and patient; the hair had darkened, but it held bright glints of gold. Here and there were little characters set down; yet life had only touched her to new bloom and ripening. While she mused the eyes began to smile, the mouth took on a curving grace, and three dimples she had quite forgotten, came out and danced before her.

"Oh!" said Dorinda. "Oh!" and understood the resurrection.